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MISCELLANEOUS POLISH ORDER OF BATTLE DATA AND ONE SOVIET SUPPLY
DEPOT IN POLAND

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Summary: This report gives [redacted] fragmentary information on three Polish army units, one unidentified artillery school, three Military Regional Commands, a possible missile launching site and airfield, and the pinpoint location of an unidentified Soviet supply depot in Poland.

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**MISCELLANEOUS POLISH ORDER OF BATTLE DATA AND ONE SOVIET SUPPLY
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The following is a list of locations referred to in this report, with coordinates:

CHOSZCZNO (ARNSWALDE) (N53-10, E15-25) (UTM WU 281913)
 CZARNE (SCHWARZ-SCHEMPLIN) (N53-15, E20-36) (UTM DE 764023)
 JANOWO (JANOWETZ) (N53-19, E20-40) (about six kilometers northeast of
 CZARNE)
 MODLIN (N52-26, E20-41) (UTM DD 7810)
 NOWY DWOR (N52-26, E20-46) (UTM DD 805090)
 PIASECZNO (N52-05, E21-02) (UTM EC 0269)
 REMBERTOW (N52-15, E21-10) (UTM EC 110910)
 SWIDNICA (SCHWEIDNITZ) (N50-51, E16-30) (UTM XS 048336)

<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
U/1 Artillery Unit	Pomeranian Military District	CHOSZCZNO (See Annexes A and B for pinpoint location and sketch)	A Polish colonel (nu) of Russian extraction commanded this unit from 1955 until April 1957

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An artillery unit of regimental or greater strength was stationed in the Choszczno casern. [] estimated the actual strength of this unit at 1,200 to 1,400 men, including 300 to 400 recruits who were quartered in three buildings.

this unit was equipped with an unknown number of field guns, howitzers, and antiaircraft guns, all of over 100-mm caliber.

this unit had a large number of U.S.-type trucks (GMC, Studebaker, and Dodge) in the alert storage (see item 9, Annex B) [] called "MOB" (Mobilization Status). The communication center of this headquarters operated 24 hours a day in contact with other subordinate units, sizes and locations unknown.

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
U/i Signal Battalion	Unk	Unk MODLIN	CO was unknown. The strength of the unit was unknown.
U/i Engineer (Sapper) Unit	Unk	Unk NOWY DWOR	CO was unknown. The size of the unit was unknown.
U/i Officers' Advanced Artillery School	Unk	Unk REMBERTOW	CO was unknown.
U/i Military Regional Command (Wojzkowa Komenda Rejonowa -- WKR)	Warsaw Provincial Military Command (Wojewodzka Komenda Woj-skowa - WKW)	Unk WARSAW/ZOLIBORZ	CO was unknown. this installation was located in a two-story-high stucco villa at the corner of Ulica Henryka Niego-lewskiego and Ulica Ksiedza Felinskiego in WARSAW.

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U/i Signal Battalion Unk Unk MODLIN CO was unknown. The strength of the unit was unknown.

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training on new radio technical apparatus and all military personnel at this unit were warned not to discuss the equipment with anyone outside the installation. this unit was referred to as an "electro-technical battalion" ("baon elektrotechniczny").

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U/i Engineer (Sapper) Unit Unk Unk NOWY DWOR CO was unknown. The size of the unit was unknown.

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an unidentified engineer unit stationed in the NOWY DWOR area. training day and night, building and disassembling military bridges. in the same area some other unidentified unit experimented with a new unidentified tank capable of moving on land and in the water, called a "land-water tank" ("czołg lądowo-wodny").

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U/i Officers' Advanced Artillery School Unk Unk REMBERTOW CO was unknown.

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Officers' Advanced Artillery School (Wyzsza Szkola Oficerow Artylerji) in REMBERTOW. Allegedly, only regular army officers ranging in grade from second lieutenants to captains were selected for this course.

U/i Military Regional Command (Wojzkowa Komenda Rejonowa -- WKR) Warsaw Provincial Military Command (Wojewodzka Komenda Woj-skowa - WKW) Unk WARSAW/ZOLIBORZ CO was unknown. this installation was located in a two-story-high stucco villa at the corner of Ulica Henryka Niego-lewskiego and Ulica Ksiedza Felinskiego in WARSAW.

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>

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personnel reporting to work in this unit. About 25 civilian men and women signed in on the roster placed on one of the tables in the waiting room. The signing-in was effected by placing initials under the appropriate date column. About eight to ten officers and NCOs reported to the 16-room offices located on the first floor of the villa. The officers [] were second lieutenants, first lieutenants, and captains. Prior to 0800 hours, the entrance to the villa was guarded by a private armed with a pistol, in the small foyer room with a small window; during office hours he was assisted by another sentinel in the hall way. The officers and EM wore red cap bands.

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Military Regional Command - WKR (Praga Poludnie - Praga South)	Warsaw Provincial Military Command - WKW	Unk	WARSAW	A Polish captain (nu) wearing Infantry branch insignia was in charge of this unit.
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This Military Regional Command headquarters was located in an old three-story-high villa located at Ulica Francuska 24 in WARSAW-PRAGA. The entrance gate to this villa had a sign with white letters on red background which read: "Wojskowa Komenda Rejonowa - Praga Poludnie" (Military Regional Command - Praga South).

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U/1 Military Regional Command - WKR	Warsaw Provincial Military Command - WKW	Unk	WARSAW	CO was unknown.
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This WKR headquarters was located in a four-story-high, gray stucco building measuring about 35 x 15 m located at Ulica Florianska 10, in the Praga district of WARSAW.

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Possible Missile Launching Site and Airfield	Unk	Unk	JANOWO-CZARNE	CO was unknown. In the summer of 1955
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unidentified construction activities were taking place in the area located approximately 2½ km northeast of CZARNE and about one or two kilometers south-southeast of JANOWO (see Annex C for pinpoint location). From high ground at CZARNE, [] could see that many workers were employing horse wagons and unidentified engineer equipment to level the terrain and improve the general area by making drainage ditches. The drainage system drained water from the

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construction sites west toward the Orzec River, which flowed north. The distance between the construction site and the Orzec River bed was from two to four kilometers. [redacted] the ground was broken for construction.

[redacted] most of the workers (number unknown) at that time were local farmers from CZARNE and JANOWO. [redacted] new underground storage facilities, an airfield, and [redacted] a "missile launching site" (wyrzutnie pociskow)4. were under construction. [redacted] the whole project was supervised by army officers although actual construction was done by an unidentified civilian or state firm.

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U/i Soviet
Supply Depot

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CO was unknown. [redacted] observed
this installation

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Wytworcze Aparatury Pomiarowej,
[redacted] in SWIDNICZ. An unidenti-

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east of this firm. [redacted] observed the depot from the southeast and west and noticed at least four bunkers in the western part of the depot. The installation was surrounded by a 2½-meter-high mesh wire fence and was guarded by two roving sentries, at the southwest and northwest corners of the depot. These Soviet sentries wore black shoulderboards and were armed with submachine guns. No further information. [redacted]

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COMMENTS:

1. [redacted] beginning with the class of 1935 (which was called into service in December 1955), conscripts had to serve 24 months in all branches of the Polish Army with the exception of Infantry, in which the term of service allegedly was cut down to 18 months. Prior to this curtailment of service, which became effective sometime in 1956, there was no fixed length of service, or rather no compliance with the policy on length of service by the Ministry of National Defense, and consequently conscripts and reservists called for training never knew when they would be released to civilian status.

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COMMENTS (Continued):

This curtailment of service did not affect the class of 1934 which was in service at that time, and they had to serve 2½ to three-year tours to provide training cadre for incoming recruits of the 1936 class.

[redacted] with the introduction of the two-year term of service, early releases from active duty were easier to get than they had been prior to this change. There was no relaxation in the requirements for deferment of conscripts from compulsory active duty although the reduction of Polish armed forces was stressed in the newspapers and on the Polish radio.

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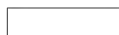
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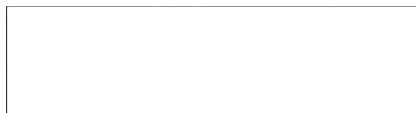
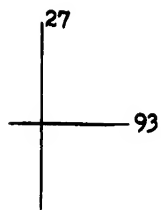
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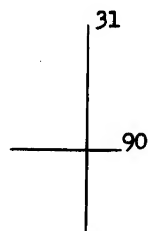
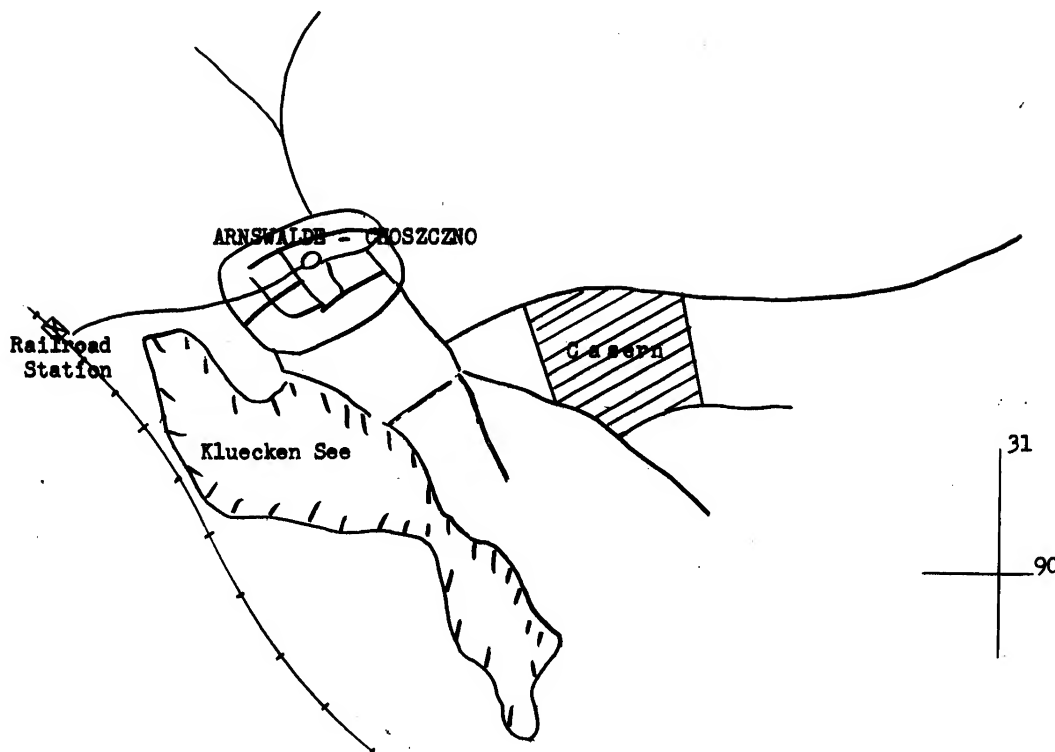


PINPOINT LOCATION OF THE ARTILLERY CASERN IN CHOSZCZNO (ARNSWALDE)

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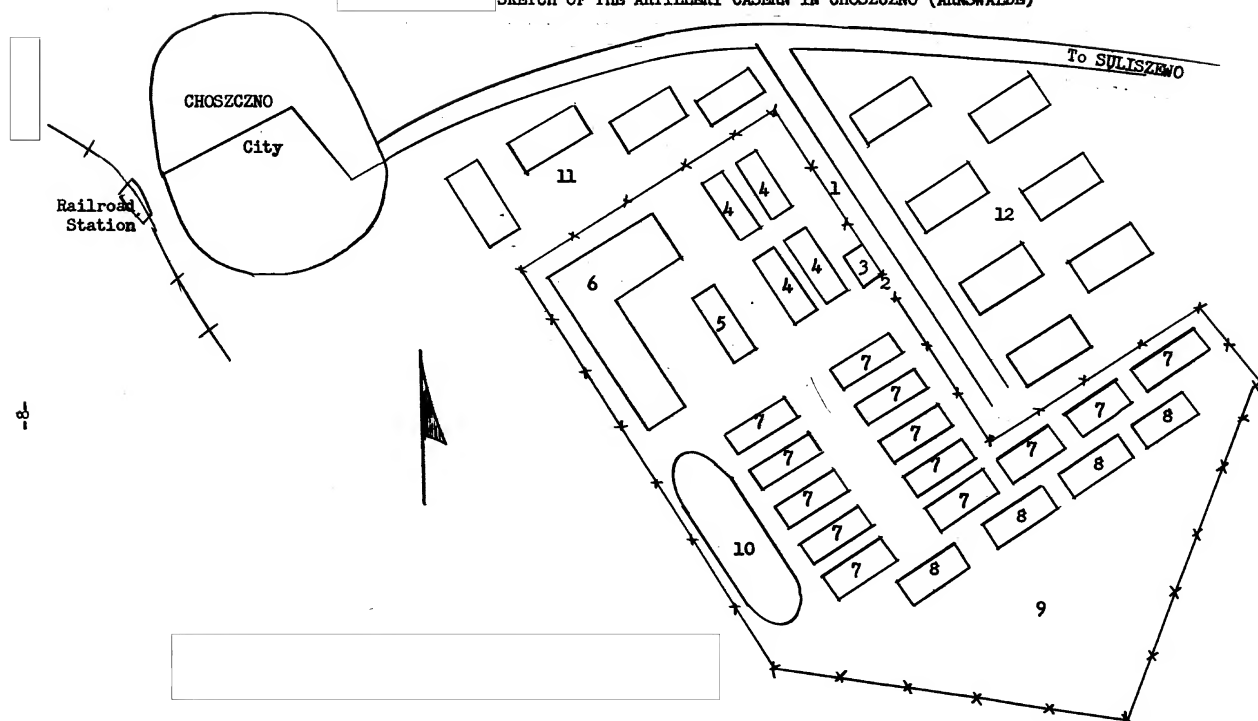


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Annex B

SKETCH OF THE ARTILLERY CASERN IN CHOSZCZNO (ARNSWALDE)



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Legend to Annex B

This installation was constructed after WW II. All buildings were three stories high, of gray stucco, and had gable roofs covered with red tiles. Each building was approximately 30 x 15 m in size, with the exception of items 3 and 6 below.

1. An iron picket fence mounted on top of a 70-cm-high cement foundation.
2. Main entrance and personnel gate guarded by two sentries armed with sub-machine guns. They wore red bands on their caps.
3. Guardhouse and pass office. A red brick structure one-story-high and about three by three meters in size.
4. Headquarters buildings. These four buildings also contained a military store, a barber shop, an officers' club, and other unknown activities.
- 4a. Flag pole. A roving guard walked his post in front of two of the headquarters buildings in the vicinity of the flag pole.
5. One barracks-type building, use unknown.
6. Garages, motor shop, and school for drivers. A one-story-high gray stucco building, L-shaped, 60 x 30 x 20 m, with at least 16 double-wing doors.
7. Barracks. Thirteen buildings, each with an estimated capacity of 120 to 140 men. Troops slept in single steel cots, about four to six in each room.
8. Four barracks-type buildings, use unknown.
9. Area allegedly containing garages and "MOB" (mobilization pool) trucks in storage.
10. Athletic field with installed poles for soccer ball games.
11. Officers' housing area - four buildings.
12. Officers' housing area - seven buildings.

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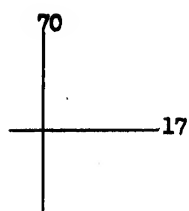
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Annex C



PINPOINT LOCATION OF POSSIBLE MISSILE LAUNCHING SITE AND AIRFIELD
IN THE JANOWO-CZARNE AREA

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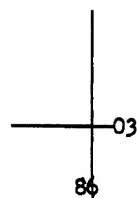


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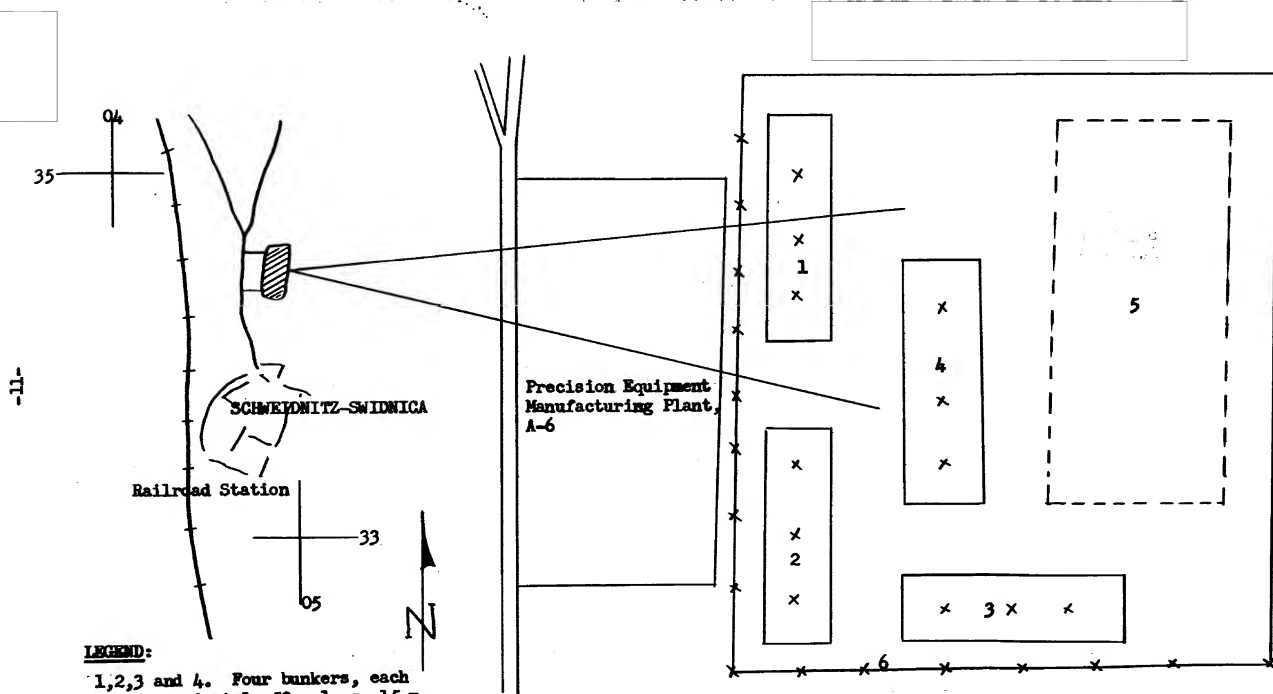
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Annex D

PINPOINT LOCATION AND SKETCH OF AN UNIDENTIFIED SOVIET SUPPLY DÉPÔT IN SWIDNICA (SCHWEIDNITZ), POLAND

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